Dear Friends,

During this time of sorrow and loss your Good Shepherd Parish Family offers to you our prayerful condolences. There are many details in preparing for the funeral of your loved one, among them the Mass to be celebrated at Good Shepherd Church. A Minister of Consolation will be contacting you as soon as possible to arrange a convenient time to meet with you and help you plan for the Mass of Christian Burial.

This booklet will show you the choices you have for the scripture readings, the music, and the way family and friends may participate during the Mass if they wish. Please take some time to go over this booklet and make your selections, since it will be very helpful when talking to the Consolation Minister. When you meet with the minister, you will have the opportunity to talk about your loved one, his or her faith life, and the qualities that made this person special to your family.

The priests, deacons, ministers of consolation and parishioners of Good Shepherd are here to offer you our support, guidance, and prayers. May God’s peace be with you.

 In the Lord,

 The Good Shepherd

 Consolation Ministers

**NOTES**

**Cover picture:**

If the family wishes, a picture of your loved one may be put on the cover of the booklet that is given out at the Mass.

Choose by checking one of the following options:

No picture added: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Add picture: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Please note: The picture must be given to the consolation minister when you meet with the minister or emailed to

**Ann Hernandez at:** annhernandez2000@yahoo.com

**Booklets are only available if TIME permits.**

**It is possible that booklets may not be available due to time limitations.**

**Words of Remembrance:**

Sometimes, at the funeral home, a family member or friend wishes to speak some words of remembrance about their loved one. This is done after the conclusion of the formal wake service and more than one person may speak, read a poem, play music and the time is not limited. Experience has shown us that these words of remembrance are best spoken at this time and **not** during the Funeral Mass.

**If you are meeting in person, please bring this booklet to your meeting with the consolation minister.**

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Name of Deceased \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Upon entering the church the white Pall is placed on the casket symbolic of Baptism.

You may choose whom you wish to place the Pall upon the casket.

Write their names on the following lines.

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Choose two people to do the Readings.

If there are no people available to read;

the Readings may be read by the consolation minister.

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First Reading read by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The First Reading selections are on the following pages

**FIRST READINGS (OLD TESTAMENT)**

**CHOOSE ONE AND CHECK REQUESTED LINE.**

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11 Requested \_\_\_\_\_**

**A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes**

There is an appointed time for everything,

and a time for everything under the heavens.

A time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.

A time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to tear down, and a time to build.

A time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance.

A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;

a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.

A time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to cast away.

A time to rend, and a time to sew;

a time to be silent, and a time to speak.

A time to love, and a time to hate;

a time of war, and a time of peace.

God has made everything appropriate to its time, but has put the timelessinto their hearts, without man’s ever discovering, from beginning to end, the work which God has done.

The word of the Lord.

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**Presentation Songs: Choose one and circle the song title.**

Here I Am Lord Irish Blessing

Gentle Woman O Loving God

On Eagle’s Wings We Remember

Choose whom you wish to bring up the gifts of bread and wine during the mass.

Gifts presented by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Communion Songs: Choose one and circle the song title.**

Here I Am Lord One Bread, One Body

Christ Be Our Light I am the Bread of Life

Lord You Have Come Prayer of St. Francis

We Remember

**Recessional Songs: Choose one and circle the song title.**

On Eagle’s Wings Irish Blessing

How Great Thou Art Amazing Grace

Let There Be Peace on Earth City of God

O Loving God

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**Gathering Songs:**

**Choose one and circle the song title.**

Be Not Afraid

Hosea

How Can I Keep From Singing

On Eagle’s Wing

**Responsorial Psalms:**

**Choose one and circle the title.**

Shelter Me, O God

To You, O Lord (Psalm 25)

Shepherd Me, O God (Psalm 23)

The Goodness of the Lord (Psalm 27)

The Lord Is My Shepherd (Cooney)

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**Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9 Requested \_\_\_\_\_**

**A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah**

On this mountain the Lord of hosts

will provide for all peoples.

On this mountain he will destroy

the veil that veils all peoples,

the web that is woven over all nations;

He will destroy death forever.

The Lord God will wipe away

the tears from all faces;

the reproach of his people he will remove

from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken.

On that day, it will be said:

“Behold our God; to whom we looked to save us!

This is the LORD for whom we looked;

let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

The word of the Lord.

**Wisdom 3:1-3 Requested \_\_\_\_\_**

**A reading from the Book of Wisdom**

The souls of the just are in the hand of God

and no torment shall touch them.

They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;

and their passing away was thought an affliction

and their going forth from us, utter destruction.

But they are in peace.

The word of the Lord.

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**Isaiah 43:1-5 Requested \_\_\_\_\_**

**A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah**

Thus, says the Lord,

who created you, Jacob, and formed you, Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name: you are mine.

When you pass through waters, I will be with you;

through rivers, you shall not be swept away.

When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned,

nor will flames consume you.

For I, the Lord, am your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your savior.

Because you are precious in my eyes

and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you

and nations in exchange for your life.

Fear not, for I am with you;

from the east I will bring back your offspring,

from the west I will gather you.

The word of the Lord.

5

**Romans 14: 7-9, 10b-12 Requested \_\_\_\_\_**

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

For we shall stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written: “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bend before me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.” So, then each of us shall give an account of himself to God.

The word of the Lord.

**1 Corinthians 13: 8-13 Requested \_\_\_\_\_**

**A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians**

Brothers and sisters: Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing. For we know partially and we prophesy partially, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.

When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things. At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known.So, faith, hope, love remain, these three;but the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord.

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**Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7 Requested \_\_\_\_\_**

**A reading from the Book of Revelation**

I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away.”Then the one who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.”

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water.The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son.”

The word of the Lord.

**2 Timothy 4:1-2, 6-8 Requested \_\_\_\_\_**

**A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy**

Beloved: I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power:

proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.

For I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race;I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.

The word of the Lord.

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**Wisdom 3:1-6, 9 Requested \_\_\_\_\_**

**A reading from the Book of Wisdom**

The souls of the just are in the hand of God

and no torment shall touch them.

They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead;

and their passing away was thought an affliction

and their going forth from us, utter destruction.

But they are in peace.

For if in the eyes of men, indeed, they be punished,

yet is their hope full of immortality;

Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed,

because God tried them

and found them worthy of himself.

As gold in the furnace, he proved them,

and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself.

Those who trust in him shall understand truth,

and the faithful shall abide with him in love:

Because grace and mercy are with his holy ones,

and his care is with the elect.

The word of the Lord.

6

**Jeremiah 29:11-14 Requested \_\_\_\_\_**

**A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah**

Thus, says the Lord:

I know well the plans I have in mind for you,

plans for your welfare and not for woe,

so as to give you a future of hope.

When you call me, and come and pray to me,

I will listen to you.

When you look for me, you will find me.

Yes, when you seek me with all your heart,

I will let you find me

and I will change your lot;

I will gather you together from all the nations

and all the places to which I have banished you

and bring you back to the place from which I have exiled you.

The word of the Lord.

**Proverbs 31: 10, 25-27, 29-31 Requested \_\_\_\_\_**

**A reading from the Book of Proverbs**

Who can find a woman of worth?

Far beyond jewels is her value.

She is clothed with strength and dignity,

and laughs at the days to come.

She opens her mouth in wisdom;

kindly instruction is on her tongue.

She watches overthe affairs of her household,

and does not eat the bread of idleness.

“Many are the women of proven worth,

but you have excelled them all.”

Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;

the woman who honors the LORD is to be praised.

Give her a reward of her labors,

and let her works praise her at the city gates.

The word of the Lord

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**2 Timothy 4:6-8 Requested \_\_\_\_\_**

**A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy**

Brothers and sisters: I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race;I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.

The word of the Lord.

**2 Corinthians 4:14 - 5:1 Requested \_\_\_\_\_**

**A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians**

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything is indeed for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God. Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal.

For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

The word of the Lord.

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**1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Requested \_\_\_\_\_**

**A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians**

Brothers and sisters: Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts. But I shall show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in human and angelic tonguesbut do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing.If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated,it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury,it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing. For we know partially and we prophesy partially, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things. At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known. So, faith, hope, love remain, these three;but the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord.

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**SECOND READINGS (NEW TESTAMENT)**

**CHOOSE ONE AND CHECK REQUESTED LINE.**

Second Reading read by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The Second Reading selections are on the following pages.

**2 Corinthians 5:1, 6-9 Requested \_\_\_\_\_**

**A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians**

Brothers and sisters: We know that if our earthly dwelling,a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

So, we are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord.Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away.

The word of the Lord.

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**Revelation 21:1a, 3-5a Requested \_\_\_\_\_**

**A reading from the Book of Revelation**

I saw a new heaven and a new earth.

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away.”Then the one who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.”

The word of the Lord.

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**Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39 Requested \_\_\_\_\_**

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us?He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?Who will bring a charge against God’s chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn?

Christ Jesus it is who died – or, rather, was raised - who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things,nor future things, nor powers,nor height, nor depth,nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

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